



# ANS Early Correspondence 1869

**Extent:** 10 letters.

**Part of:** American Numismatic Society, Early Correspondence, 1858-1908.

**Recipient:** Isaac Francis [Augustus] Wood.

**Correspondents:** William H. Key; James Muhlenberg Bailey.

**Noted Subjects:** Norwalk token; missing Minutes and Record Book of the Society.

**Noted Documents:**

- In nine letters, Wood and Key discuss the Norwalk token, and Wood's father's medal [Feb-Jul]
- Bailey tells Wood of his attempt to find the Minutes, and straighten out the records of the society [Nov 15]

1869

9 letters from Wm. H. Key to F. A. Wood RE: Norwalk Medal &  
Wood's father's Medal Feb. 4th thro' July 26

James Bailey to Wood

RE: Attempt to find minutes  
and straighten out records of  
the Society Nov. 15

#1

Phila Feb 4, 1869

Dr Sir

In reply to your letter, I would say that the Dies for the Harwalk Loken, will cost \$100.00, and the Copper Medals one dollar each, The lettering may require a slight alteration two of the lines are too long are I think too long but I can tell better when I come to lay it off,

Knowing that you are interested in N.Y. Medals I have enclosed you one of the "Riggs Medals" of College of the City of N.Y. Prof. Anthony gave me permission

to have eight struck  
for my own use,

If you have decided  
to have a Medal cut of  
your father, even if you  
have not fixed on the  
design, I would like to  
commence the Model of  
head, so that I can work  
it out, in my spare moments  
you are aware that I will  
make a Model in wax  
before the dies are commenced  
if you think well of my  
suggestion, you might  
send me such pictures as  
you have, and any ideas  
that may assist me in  
making a correct likeness  
if remember correctly you  
have no profile of your  
father, but I executed

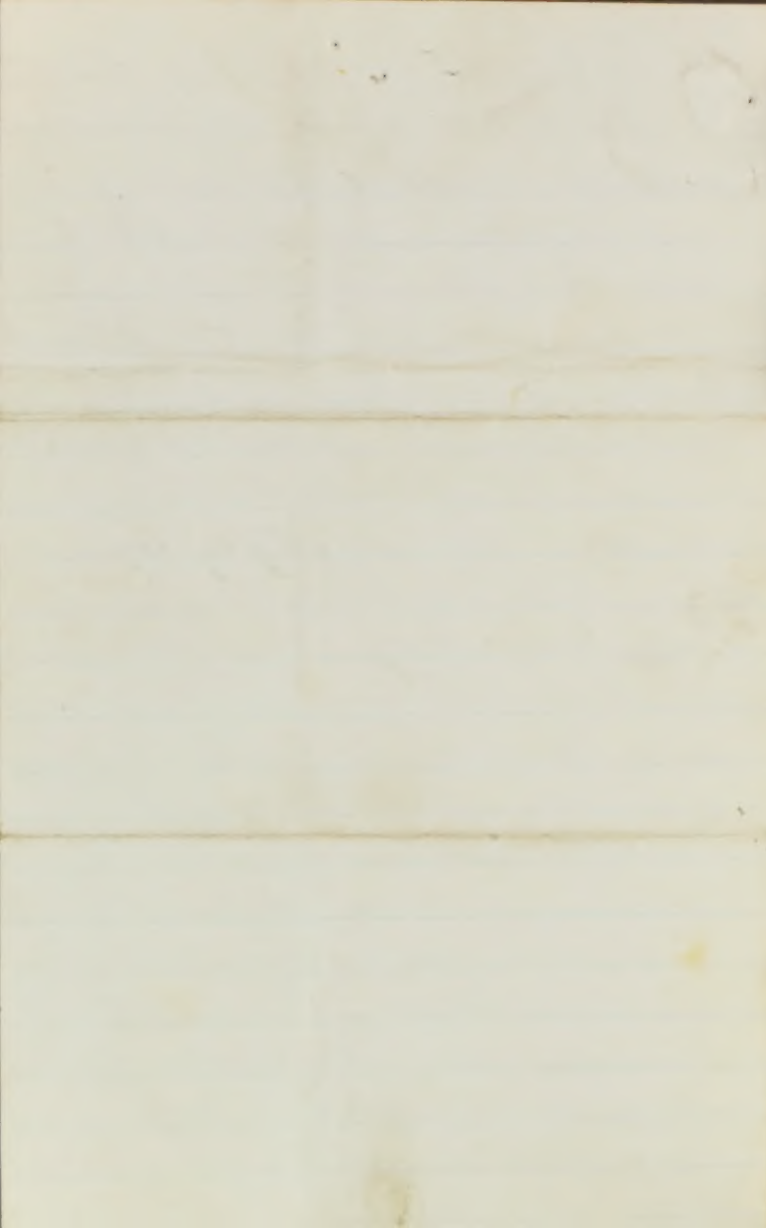
a profile of Bishop Soule  
under the same circumstances  
and I will try and  
please you, as well as I  
did his family

In regard to the Norwalk  
token I could get it out  
for you in about 3 weeks

Yours &c

Wm. J. Key

H. A. Wood Esq





#2

Phila Feb, 17, 1869

Mr Isaac F. Wood

Dr Sir

Yours,

Telegram and letter received,  
I regret your disappointment  
better luck next time,  
please inform <sup>me</sup> as to the  
time of your next visit  
I am only at the Mint  
on Saturdays from 9 to 12,  
and can meet you at any  
time after that hour, either  
at my house, or at  
Warren's 728 Chestnut St,

Yours truly  
W. F. Felt





#3

Phila March 1, 1869

Mr J. F. Wood

Dr. Sir

I am  
not yet ready to commence  
the Herwalk to Ken, so  
that you have put me to  
no inconvenience as yet,  
In regard to the Washington  
head there is some price  
in your idea that they will  
take with collectors, and  
I would suggest that you  
have a head of Washington  
cut and use it as the  
Obv. of your memorial  
series, while the first

pair of dies would cost  
a little <sup>more</sup>, the next ones  
needing only one die, would  
cost less, and the total  
on a number would be  
considerable, the ~~the~~ Rev,  
dies would cost from \$30 to  
\$60 according to design,

For the Washington I would  
take the Davison head  
as far as the face and  
likeness is concerned,  
and put in a military  
coat, If you think well  
of my ideas please let me  
know, any time within  
two weeks

Yours  
Wm. H. Fry

Phil. Acad. 13. 1849

H. J. Wood

De Sir

Thank you for the  
"Illustrated Review" and for your kind  
offer to insert my Card, which  
you will find enclosed,

...  
a 2 1/2 in, Medal will cost  
\$2.00. and a 3 in about  
\$3.00, ...  
The ... of the ...  
you ... in ...  
... the ...

I am in hopes of commencing  
I ...  
S. ...

W. H. ...



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130 a 30. ti

50 pic. an a 30. ti

Phila Mar 29, 1869

Mr J. F. Wood

I did not quite understand your intentions, but I think I have it clear enough now,

On the one I am doing  
run your wish, around  
head of Washington  
Storwick born, Memorial  
1869,

The head of Washington  
will be on a hub, and  
of course we can make  
any number of dies with  
it, by this I mean that



for you, and not for  
others, as is the custom  
among some engravers,  
You was just  
in time with your  
amended Key, as I  
intended to commence  
lettering it to-day,

I expect to have  
them done in about  
2 or 3 weeks

Please let me know  
the number you wish  
sent to you

I remain  
Very truly  
Yours

Friday May 5. 1864

Mr J. F. Wood

Dear Sir

I have  
indeed, you a plaster &  
impression, the Ob. of your  
"A small Mammal I"

I expect to have them  
ready for use about the  
middle of next week,  
How many shall I have  
struck?

I have not been  
very little on your Fossil  
model,

I remain  
Very truly  
Yours

Wm. H. Dall



\* Unique

Phila May 14. 1869

W. J. F. Wood

Dr Sir

Please accept  
my thanks for the John  
Medal, — I have not  
given a local impression\*  
of the Newark dir, The  
dir is all hand made and  
ready for use, but I  
did not wish to strike  
a medal without your  
consent, I have also made  
my dir, I have in  
money to raise by the  
1st of June, and would  
be obliged to you for it  
by that time,  
I would like very  
much to see you personally

in reference to the Medal  
for the Medal of your  
father, you will give me  
some suggestion about the  
designs,

Yours truly  
A. J. Taylor

Phila May 19, 1869

Mr. J. F. Wood

Dr. Sir,

Your letter

and check for \$100 received

I have now Mr. Warner  
and ordered him to strike  
the Copper Medal for  
50 cents each (not bronzed)  
and the White Metal one  
for 12 cts each, and in any  
other Metal in preference,  
all of them to be in that  
last style,

I have turned the  
die to fit one of these letters  
and if I have to send  
them to A. B. I shall have  
to make a new letter,  
I understand you expect

I have been so  
much to get you this  
at the least price, and  
hope that I have been  
successful,

All that I have  
done to you is to  
to pick up some of your  
manuscripts, on the long road  
that you have not in life  
but with the danger of  
the medal,

I have let the  
Name of the person for  
the medal, and I have  
given it to you, and I have  
the lies to you,

Yours  
H. J. Taylor



Phila May 25, 1869

Mr J. F. Wood

Dr. Sir

I am very sorry that you seem to have a wrong impression in reference to my ~~offer~~ to strike the Medals, I first enquired at the Mint, and the Price was \$1 (one doll,) each in copper, they will not strike in Tin, I then saw Mr Warner, the result you know, and it is but justice to him to say, that the fall in price, has been at my personal request, and against his judgment — as far as profit to him is concerned, — In regard to use of Collar, you will remember that my original estimate was for a Church, and I have not

you a fine head of Washington  
for the same, and I think that—

I can claim a little favor in  
the small matter of a collar,  
and as I understand the number  
struck is limited, and you never  
wish to strike any in the ~~future~~  
it can certainly make no difference  
to you, — I will accept your  
offer as to the striking, and  
assume all risk of dies, provided  
they remain in my charge, I  
will not ask for more than eight-  
pieces for myself, and will see  
that none are struck without  
your order, The Lead Medal you  
have, is the only one that has been,  
or will be made, I will have one  
dozen ~~bronzed~~ without additional  
cost,

I remain  
Yours truly  
Wm. Key

Wm. H. 169  
April 21

St. Chi

Thurs July 21. 1869

I have just returned  
from the country and  
just a note from <sup>you</sup> in regard  
to "Kinnell's Medical"  
The lawyer has promised  
to have them sent this  
week,

I am sorry that they  
have been delayed, & I  
part of it, has been your  
own fault, as you recd,  
the same impression about  
the middle of May, and  
I recd, your order July 2nd  
When I saw you before  
sent a note for Mr. Con-  
sult if you will let me  
know the price, & when

with a sett, and with  
the money, as you have  
received from Bill for  
the same.

To your interest  
to have Phil. soon? I  
wish to get a haul with  
your father's Model,

Please let me  
know, if I am to include  
a line on the sett  
which is to present to the  
committee.

Yours O  
W. J. E.

J. F. Wood Esq.



11. West 28<sup>th</sup> St  
Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1869

J. F. Wood Esq<sup>r</sup>

<sup>ny</sup>  
Your note of yesterday  
I found at my office this morning -  
I will consult the Minute Book  
of the Society and try and answer  
your question satisfactorily - Since  
I have been the Recording Secretary  
of the Society I have been  
endeavoring to get hold of the  
Minute Books dating since  
its organization - Mr. Nieren  
is now (I think) copying



Mr Oliver's records  
and I shall have to see  
Mr. Nessen before I can  
give you a definite answer.  
Mr C. D. <sup>n</sup> Burns kept the  
minutes for a short time.  
but it seems to me if  
I remember correctly there  
are a good many papers  
to be filled - I think



my records are  
correct so far as they  
p - I will call and  
speak to you however and  
if in the mean time you  
would like to consult  
Mr. Nielsen he has the  
ward Books of the Society  
for the present in his  
care, helping me

to present them to the  
Society in a proper  
condition — It will  
be no small undertaking  
to straighten them out.

Respectfully yours  
Jas M. Bailey